6.10 Eating

The ability to eat and drink using routine or adaptive utensils. This also includes the ability to cut, chew, and swallow food.

0-6 mos	7-12 mos	13-18 mos	19-24 mos	25-36 mos	3-4 yrs	4-6 yrs	6-9 yrs	9-13 yrs	14-17 yrs	18 yrs +	☑ Indicates that the item on the functional screen should be checked. ⊘ Indicates that the item on the functional screen should NOT be checked.
•	•	•	•	•	•	•					**Receives tube feedings or TPN.**
							•	•	•	•	**Needs help with tube feedings or TPN.** ⊘ A teen independently self-administers tube feedings. In this case, the screener would check "Receives tube feedings or TPN," but not "receives help with" them.
•	•	•	•	•	•	•					**Requires more than three hours per day for feeding or eating.** ☑ Can feed self but is so resistant or slow that the child is at risk of tube feedings to obtain adequate nutrition. ⊘ Toddlers who nibble all day long. ⊘ Children who are picky eaters or eat "junk food" all day. ⊘ Food preparation time for special diets.
•	•	•									**Requires more than one hour per feeding.** ☑ Takes a great deal of time to feed orally (nurse or bottle fed). ⊘ Is tube fed.
					•	•	•	•	•	•	**Needs to be fed.** ☑ Cannot feed self enough (orally) to obtain adequate nutrition. ⊘ Is tube fed. Instead, check "Receives tube feedings or TPN," and, if true, "Needs help with tube feedings or TPN." ⊘ Able to feed self but makes a mess or doesn't use utensils so the parent prefers to feed child. ⊘ Able to feed self but parent prefers to feed the child.
					•	•	•	•	•	•	**Needs one-on-one monitoring to prevent choking, aspiration, or other serious complications.** ☑ Needs to be monitored for life-threatening choking incidents. ☑ Has Prader-Willi Syndrome and all food access must be controlled. ⊘ Has current eating disorder requiring one-on-one monitoring at meals. ⊘ Avoids certain foods, gags or spits out foods due to oral sensitivities. ⊘ Parents/caregivers thicken liquids for the child and then they can be left to drink without one-on-one monitoring. ⊘ Has food cut into bite size pieces but does not require monitoring during the meal.

EATING